
Sixty-Eighth Legislature.

SENATE.

No. 207.

STATE OF MAINE.

RESOLVE for amendment to the Constitution relating to
Election of Senators to fill Vacancies.

Resolved, Two-thirds of both branches of the legislature
2 concurring, that the following amendment to the constitu-
3 tion of the State of Maine be proposed for the action of the
4 legal voters of this State at the next gubernatorial election
5 in the manner prescribed by the constitution, viz.:

Section 5, in article IV, part II is hereby amended by
7 striking out the words “and in this manner all vacancies in
8 the senate shall be supplied as soon as may be after such
9 vacancies happen” and substituting therefor the follow-
10 ing:

But all vacancies in the senate arising from death, resig-
12 nation, removal from the State or like causes, shall be filled

13 by an immediate election in the unrepresented district.
14 The governor shall issue his proclamation therefor, and
15 therein fix the time for such election.

Resolved, That the aldermen of cities, the selectmen of
17 towns and the assessors of the several plantations of this
18 State are hereby empowered and directed to notify the
19 voters of their respective cities, towns and plantations in
20 the manner prescribed by law at the meeting in September
21 in the year one thousand, eight hundred and ninety-eight
22 to give in their votes upon the amendment proposed in
23 the foregoing resolution and the question shall be: "Shall
24 the constitution be amended as proposed by a resolution
25 of the legislature providing that vacancies in the senate,
26 arising from death, resignation removal from the State or
27 like causes, shall be filled by an immediate election in the
28 unrepresented district," and the inhabitants of said cities,
29 towns and plantations shall vote by ballot on said question,
30 those favoring the amendment voting "yes," and those
31 opposed voting "no" upon their ballots, and the ballots
32 shall be received, sorted, counted and declared in open
33 ward, town and plantation meeting and lists of the votes
34 so received shall be made and returned to the office of the
35 secretary of State in the same manner as votes for governor
36 and members of the legislature and the governor and
37 council shall count the same and make return to the next
38 legislature, and, if it shall appear that a majority of the
39 votes are in favor of the amendment, the constitution shall
40 be amended accordingly.

Resolved, That the secretary of State shall prepare and
42 furnish to the several cities, towns and plantations, ballots
43 and blank returns in conformity to the foregoing resolves
44 accompanied by a copy thereof.